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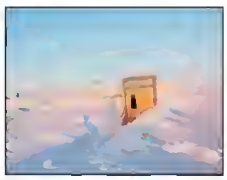

Dome collapses

Bradford Sports Dome victim of winter storm. 4

Rattlers set record

Bradford Rattlers are setting records in the GMHL. 14

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

February 9 was Hockey Day in Canada - a coast-to-coast celebration of hockey the way it's supposed to be played: outdoors, in winter weather.
In Bradford West Gwillimbury, Hockey Day featured Tyke and Pre-Tyke tournaments, held on the outdoor rinks at Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head. There was a pancake breakfast served up in the adjacent Bond Head Community Hall, entertainment, the Masonic CHIP Child ID program, and horse-drawn wagon rides - but the real focus was on hockey. Volunteers were out clearing the snow from the ice until 8 p.m. on Friday night, and back early on Saturday, for the 8 a.m. puck drop. See page 19 for more photos.

Cost of OPP Policing

Ontario Provincial Police representatives Sgt. Steve Haennel, Contract Policing Analyst, and Inspector Dirk Cockburn, Commander of the Nottawasaga Detachment, were in Bradford West Gwillimbury on Monday night, to present a "Police Costing" for the provision of policing services by the OPP.

It was standing room only in the Council Chambers for the special meeting of Council. Many of those in the audience were members of the South Simcoe Police Service, which currently provides policing for both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury. Also in the audience were Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley, and Councillor Richard Simpson.

BWG asked the OPP for a costing last year, based on a motion presented by Councillor Carl Hordyk. "I'm looking forward to the presentation," Hordyk said at the start of the meeting. "Where we go forward from here, I don't know - but I've said over and over again, (policing) is our largest budget expenditure."

The current police budget for the South Simcoe Police Service is $16,272,831 for 2013, divided between BWG and Innisfil according to a cost sharing agreement. In 2013, Bradford West Gwillimbury's share of the bill is about 45%, or $7.323 million.

Haennel offered a "meat and potatoes" look at the options and costs, if the OPP were to take over policing in Bradford West Gwillimbury alone.

The OPP currently polices 322 municipalities in Ontario - with 119 contracts in 150 of those municipalities.

"We have frontline detachments, and then we have regional supports," said Detachment Commander Cockburn - supports that include specialized criminal investigations and organized crime sections, the OPP Academy, and centralized communications, technology, traffic safety, rescue, emergency response, and even "fleet and supply - one central group of people who deal

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Trudeau-mania in Bradford

Residents of Bradford are invited to join "A Conversation with Justin Trudeau", at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, on Friday, February 15, at 3 p.m. Trudeau, a front-runner in the Federal Liberal Leadership race, is currently touring Ontario - and will be making a stop in Bradford, to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and hear his views on the issues facing Canadians.

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BWG Council receives OPP Costing

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with mass numbers... That's where we see efficiencies of scale."

All of the "onerous" negotiations, grievances, recruitment, civil litigation, public complaints become part of OPP operations, and no longer fall on the municipality, he said. What the municipality receives is community policing, 24/7.

Two models were presented to Council. Option 1 was an "integrated model," where policing in BWG would "marry up with the Nottawasaga Detachment" in Alliston that already provides policing to New Tecumseth, Essa Twp. and Adjala-Tosorontio. Option 2 was a stand-alone detachment.

Insp. Cockburn noted that his Nottawasaga Detachment, which has a Staff Sgt., 7 Sergeants, 71 Constables, 3 Special Constables, 9 Civilian Support, 1 Fleet co-ordinator and 15 Auxiliaries, has a 92% community satisfaction rating "from independent surveys" - and the area has been identified as the "4th safest community in Canada by Maclean's magazine - that's been year over year."

Under the "integrated" model (Option 1), Bradford West Gwillimbury would become a 6th zone - with 1 dedicated Staff Sgt. (Operations), 4 Sergeants, 30 constables, 5 Special Constables (Court Security), 2.5 Civilian Support, 0.5 Fleet Co-ordinator, that would be billed to the municipality - as well as "0.29%" of the salary of the Detachment Commander. The cost: $5,561,938, plus 1-time start-up costs of $536,460 (for uniforms, etc.) for a total of $6.098 million.

The "Stand-Alone" model (Option 2) would require 1 Staff Sgt., 5 Sgt. supervisors, 40 Constables, 3 Administrative Support, 5 Special Constables for court security, and 0.5 Fleet co-ordinator. Cost: $7,092,315 annually, plus $651,973 in 1-time start-up costs, for a total of $7.744 million.

The numbers presented for the OPP include a 5% credit for Provincial Services Usage - a rebate provided if officers are pulled away from a contract area to answer major incidents or deal with provincially-mandated responsibilities - although, Haennel noted, if there is a major incident in BWG that requires additional OPP officers, "you don't pay a dime for that."

Haennel added that the cost estimates were initially high, "to allow you budget... We send out an estimate at the beginning of the year, and then we reconcile at the end of the year. At the end of the year, you're paying only for what you used. You're only paying actual costs."

"When it comes to boots on the ground, cops in the cars, cars on the streets - will (residents) see the same number of constables in cars on our streets?" Mayor Doug White wanted to know.

Haennel, could not provide an answer but explained that the platoon model would see a dedicated Sgt. and 5 frontline officers per shift, plus shared resources with the Detachment.

Councillor Raj Sandhu asked how many of the municipalities policed by the OPP come in under-budget, receiving a credit. He was told that about 90% receive a credit, and 10% end up owing money, largely due to overtime costs. Inspector Cockburn added that the Nottawasaga Detachment "has never gone over budget, since 1991... In 20 years, these municipalities have never been asked to pay more" than the contracted price.

Sgt. Haennel acknowledged that the OPP, which had been under a wage freeze, was "poised to receive an increase that will bring us on a par with the highest paid police force" in Ontario. If that comes to fruition

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Apples to Apples?

The OPP proposal would provide a 5-year contract for 24/7 policing - but would it maintain the same level of service? There are some key differences.

. **No K-9 unit**. The nearest OPP canine unit would be Huronia West Detachment - "just a short distance away," according to Inspector Dirk Cockburn. Huronia West is in Wasaga Beach.

. **No expansion of the Auxiliary Unit.** The Nottawasaga Detachment currently has only 15 Auxiliaries, who carry out duties that include assistance with parades and special events. There are no plans to increase that number, should BWG opt for OPP policing.

. **No marine unit** is included in the costing, although the South Simcoe Police Service is mandated by the province to police Lake Simcoe. "If we need to deploy a marine unit, we have specially-trained officers who would be deployed in the summer months," said Inspector Cockburn.

As for cost, the proposal for a Stand-Alone Detachment (Option 2) is only about $230,000 less than the existing service - exclusive of 1-time start-up costs or severance payments. If the OPP pay increase of 8.5% is instituted, as of January 1, 2014, this is actually more expensive than the South Simcoe Police Service now in place.

Option 1 - integration with the Nottawasaga Detachment out of Alliston - costs $1.76 million less than what BWG currently pays for policing, again exclusive of one-time start up costs, severance and disentanglement costs. Even with an 8.5% pay hike in 2014, the annual savings work out to over $1 million.

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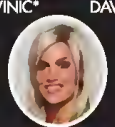

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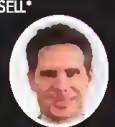

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in 2014, he said, it would mean an 8.5% increase in salaries.

Councillor Gary Lamb questioned the rebate program, and the "free" provision of additional officers, should there be a major incident. Cockburn explained that if officers are pulled from a municipality to answer a provincially-mandated call, municipalities should not be responsible for the additional overtime or officers: it is the province that picks up the cost. Two/thirds of the OPP budget overall relates to the OPP's provincial responsibilities.

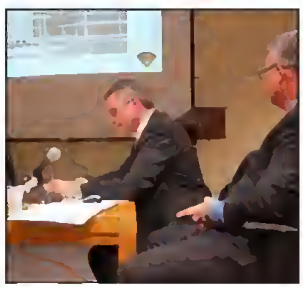
What the municipality would be responsible for, Haennel said, are severance packages resulting from the dismantling of the South Simcoe Police Service, and leases. The OPP owns all of its vehicles; the South Simcoe Police Service leases its cars.

BWG Council received the presentation, and agreed to reconvene in two weeks, after Councillors have had the opportunity to study the figures, and come up with questions.

"I have more than 10 questions," said Councillor Peter Dykie Jr., adding that he was concerned the Town would be losing front-line officers, under the models presented. "I'm not thinking about the contract, I'm thinking about community safety - making sure we're serving our community in a safe and effective manner, and cost-effective too."

"From an adequacy standard, and being able to perform our job, what is being proposed is adequate," Insp. Cockburn said.

"Lots of questions. More to come," said Councillor Hordyk after the meeting, noting that "$1.7 million (the difference between OPP Option 1, and South Simcoe Police costs) is not a small amount of money... I'm tired of listening to, 'There's nothing we can do about it.' I want to say we accomplished something."



"We'll have to digest the numbers. There's so much that isn't included," said Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer. "I knew this would present more questions than answers. It's just the start."

Mayor White later commented, "It's pretty much as I expected. I'm not the least bit surprised there's the potential for significant savings," noting that he has always felt the South Simcoe Police were "management-heavy." He also pointed out that "when you can spread the cost of support staff over a wider range of municipalities... there are savings."

White added, "It's never been about the quality of policing - the South Simcoe Police do a fine job." It is, he said, about the cost. He promised Council will meet again "to ensure every question goes answered, and we have all the facts, all the information" before a decision is made.

The Town of Innisfil, a partner in the South Simcoe Police Service, is poised to also request a costing from the OPP.

Photo: From right, OPP Nottawasaga Detachment Commander, Inspector Dirk Cockburn and Sgt. Steve Haennel.

Govt. provides support for Veterans

To the editor: In last Thursday's edition of the Bradford Times, there was an article that claimed the government only provides $3,600 for families of Veterans for funerals ("Legion launches letter-writing campaign"). That is not accurate; the government actually provides much more support.

In addition to that funding for funerals, the government covers the full cost of burial - including plots, headstones and grave preparation.

All told, support through burials and funerals can amount to up to $10,000. Since 2006, the families of approximately 10,000 Veterans have benefited from this support. Canada's program is among the best in the world, and we continue to look for ways to improve all of our programs and services.

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Peter Van Loan, MP for York-Simcoe

Deflated! All that remained of the Bradford Sports Dome on 10 Sideroad after the major winter storm on Friday, February 8. Heavy snow and high winds caused the dome, adjacent to the Bob Fallis Sports Centre, to collapse. The Dome's website notes that repairs have already begun - but that all bookings are cancelled, at least until February 22, 2013.

letters to the editor

What BWG really needs

To the editor: I was interested in reading the article, "High Price Tag for a family health centre?"

Council can discuss this until the cows come home, but... what price are the citizens of BWG paying, without enough doctors? People moving here from other areas are driving miles for medical care because they cannot give up their existing doctors, as they cannot find a new one in the area where they are now living.

If you need an X-ray, you have to climb up stairs at our only X-ray lab in BWG. Interesting, especially if you are a senior, handicapped, or have a broken leg. Really!!

Bradford is growing. We need these facilities now, not 5 to 20 years down the road. If our Council wants all these new homes to be built in Bradford, then make sure we have the needed services.

As well, this clinic should be for NEW doctors. It defeats the purpose if we move existing doctors into that space. Get new blood in town - we definitely need it. Let existing doctors start another clinic if they want to join together; that is certainly needed too.

And whoever was paid to do the background study on a proposal for an Adult Lifestyle Community and said it was not needed, was wrong. Mature adult living facilities are needed badly as well as a retirement home. There has been a more recent study for a Retirement Home, and the results were that it is definitely needed. That should also say that the in-between step is needed as well.

Our Silver and Gold Seniors are leaving because, No. 1, adult condos, smaller bungalows, upscale apartments are not provided; and No. 2, there is no retirement home for all those seniors who have supported Bradford West Gwillimbury through all their working years. Now they have to either stay in their homes longer than they want or should, or move to another area away from family and friends.

Born in Bradford, I have lived in BWG with my husband for the last 40 years. We raised our children here, educated them. I have worked here, both as a teacher in both school systems and as a retailer, shopped here, volunteered, and have had a business, serving the community for the last 25 years. We want to retire here and be able to downsize as we need to, or move to a retirement home when the time comes. We want to spend our last days with friends and familiar surroundings.

At this point, we do not hold much hope of doing that in our home town.

Nancy Young, Bradford

Hockey gear returned!

To the editor: We would just like to say thank you very much to the person who returned Joseph's hockey bag and equipment. You have helped our son to see that there is goodness in the world, and that it's never too late to do the right thing. The bag was returned to us on February 5, at the Bob Fallis Sports Centre.

We are thankful to everyone who offered to help Joseph. We are also thankful to all the people who shared our story and prayed for the return of this gear. Joseph has received his jerseys in time for team photos, and his first playoff game! He is truly blessed, and we thank you!

Joseph Magani & Family

Support for United Way

To the editor: After my dad was diagnosed with ALS, my family was able to focus on creating new memories with him during our cherished months left together - instead of being distracted by the endless details of his progressive illness.

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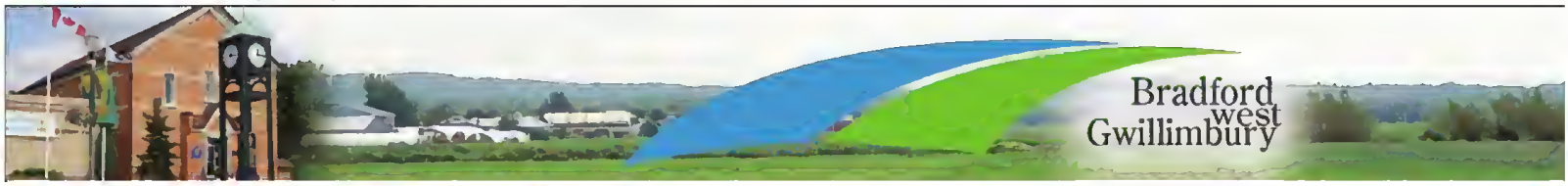

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Wed. Feb. 27/13 @ 6:30 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm, 425 Holland St. W.

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Thurs. Feb. 28/13 @ 2:00 p.m., TBA.

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SUPPORT, from Page 4

The United Way of Greater Simcoe County gave us that gift by funding ALS Ontario's local rep Sarah McGuire, who is a font of information, an advocate, a support-network leader, a shoulder, and a friend. She was the glue that held our family, and our sanity, together.

If you donated to the local United Way campaign last year, you helped my family. Your money got to us, and it made a difference. Your support also improved the lives of tens of thousands of your neighbours, through the 22 Simcoe and Muskoka agencies supported by United Way grants, and through its training and leadership programs.

Now, the United Way of Greater Simcoe County needs your help to reach its current goal. If you haven't already made a donation to the campaign, please consider one now. Donations can be made online at ***www.UnitedWayGSC.ca*** or by calling 705-726-2301 ext. 2023.

Kathryn Schoutsen

Bradford Board of Trade clarification

From the Board of Trade: It has come to the attention of the Bradford Board of Trade Directors, and in particular the Events Committee, that there have been some Council members, local businesses and even residents who have expressed their disappointment that the annual 2013 Business Awards Dinner will be held at Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club, which is outside the actual community of Bradford.

First and foremost, the BBT Board of Directors would like to emphasize its total and steadfast commitment to support local business. During the course of its regular meetings, the Board continues to discuss ways and means for that support to play out in the community.

In this case, in the interest of complete disclosure and transparency, the BBT Board of Directors are communicating the rationale behind the decision to hold the dinner at Silver Lakes. Event Tenders were requested and received from other venues, in particular The Club at Bond Head. As they provided us with an excellent event in 2012, we had in fact approached them first before going anywhere else. Unfortunately, because of ClubLink corporate policy regarding sponsorship, they were unable to sponsor at an affordable level this year, and we had to make the decision to move the venue.

We respectfully point out that although Silver lakes is not technically a part of the BWG community, it is indeed a Bradford Board of Trade Member business, and in addition, stepped up to a sponsorship level that offered an excellent venue package at the most affordable price. Silver Lakes has also come to the table as a full sponsor, to host BBT's Business After Hours event.

As the Bradford Board of Trade's Board of Directors is also charged with good stewardship of funds committed to it by the membership, it should be noted that cost is a factor that must be considered in all BBT events.

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NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE – FAMILY DAY

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 18th, 2013. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, February 19th, 2013.

To view the holiday hours of operation for our recreational facilities as well as program opportunities, please visit www.townofbwg.com

Have a safe and happy Family Day.

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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

NORTH CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that North Canal Bank Road from Highway 400 to Simcoe Road may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction commenced on July 3, 2011 and will continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321 Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns and someone will return your call promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation

BWG CENTRE

FAMILY DAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, February 18, 2013

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fitness Centre:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Open Gym:	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	11:30 am – 4:00 pm
Family Fitness Class:	10:15 – 11:00 am
Lane Swim/Parent & Tot Swim:	10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Leisure Swim:	1:15 – 4:00 pm

• Regular fees and admission policies apply for the above activity areas

Leisure Skating: 9:40 – 11:20 am

• Free skating sponsored by RBC

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES ICE TIME AVAILABLE

Contact Teresa Fairbarn at 905-775-5359 Ext. 5202

Shining Light On The Forgotten

British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association
Presents the story of the Home Children

Thursday, Feb. 21
6:00pm

Please join us in the Zima Room @ the Library for this free presentation. No registration required.

Featuring author Sandra Joyce & genealogical researchers Lori Oschefski & Karen Stanley Maoney

Most Canadians have no idea of the existence of the British Home Children and the pivotal role they played in the historical development of this great country we call Canada.

Leading experts will explain how this immigration program spanned from opportunity to slavery, success to despair.

For more information on the Home children please visit www.canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com

PUBLIC LIBRARY

425 Holland St. West
905-775-3328 X 6100
www.bradford.library.on.ca

COMPETITIVE BID

RFP #: P-13-05 – SENIORS HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Closing: 2:00 pm Thursday, February 21st, 2013

Proposal documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca/TownHall/Purchasing/TendersandRFPs/index.htm

Looking for something to do over the March Break?

Register for:

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Dates: March 11-March 15
Times: 9:00am-8:00pm
Course Code: 2607
Cost:
Residents: $377.58
Non-residents: $426.67
Prerequistes:
Minimum 13 years of age or Bronze Star

At the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information call 905-775-0612.

. **Movie Afternoon** on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. Drop in to see "The Help" (2011), a movie about women in the American South, during the turbulent 1960s Civil Rights movement. Only $3 per person, includes popcorn and refreshments.

Turn for history

On February 18, join the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Society for a program featuring **George Burt**, wood turner and raconteur. 7:30 p.m., Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson. Social Hour. For details, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

British Home Children

The Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W., is **"Shining Light on the Forgotten: The British Home Children."** On Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. join Sandra Joyce, author of the ebook The Street Arab, and genealogical researchers Lori Oschefski and Karen Stanley Morgan for a free presentation on the history of the British Home Children and the pivotal role they played in the development of Canada.

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On February 9, there was a Surprise Birthday for Legion Life Member Gord Dodgson. It was his 90th Birthday, but also an opportunity for Gord and wife Elsie to celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary, a little belatedly. The couple were surrounded by family - including their Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren. Gord is a World War II Veteran, and is active in Branch 521, serving as information officer for veterans and their spouses who require assistance or support.

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. And play **Euchre**, on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 1 p.m. All welcome!

There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

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The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit can help.

Seniors 65 years and older and their live-in family members are eligible for a tax credit of up to $1,500 on home modifications that improve safety and accessibility – regardless of income. Eligible improvements include things like support bars, ramps or walk-in bathtubs. To claim your credit, keep your receipts for when you file your taxes.

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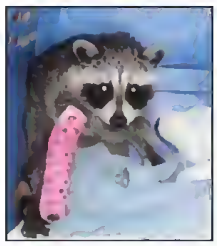
Volunteer at Procyon Wildlife

Do you want to help save animals and protect the environment? Procyon Wildlife, located at 6441-7th Line in Beeton, is now looking for volunteers for the 2013 wildlife rehabilitation season.

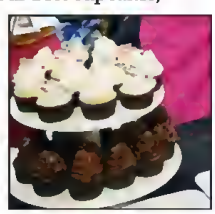


Come to an orientation session on Saturday, February 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. to find out how to help the many orphaned and injured wild animals brought to Procyon's facility every year. The Centre is looking for volunteers to help with animal care, construction and fundraising. No previous experience is required - only a desire to help animals in need of care.

For information, call 905-729-0033 or visit ***www.procyonwildlife.com***

National Cupcake Day for the Animals

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invites everyone to participate in Canada's first National Cupcake Day for the Animals on Monday, February 25. Bake your best cupcakes, host a cupcake party or share with family, friends and colleagues to raise money for local SPCAs and Humane Societies. Register online at ***www.nationalcupcakeday.ca*** to receive a Cupcake Host package, or set up an online "bakery"!



Get ready for Spring tree-planting

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is looking for land-owners interested in a bulk tree seedling program.

There is no minimum land size requirement, and a variety of native tree seedlings can be purchased in bulk for a great price - helping to promote a healthy environment through reforestation. Species available include white pine, spruce, cedar, maple, oak, and others.

For landowners with a minimum of 2 acres (0.8 hectares), the LSRCA can also provide technical assistance from qualified LSRCA forestry staff, to develop a site-specific reforestation plan. Funding grants are also available to support the reforestation of marginal farmlands, establish windbreaks, stabilize streambanks, and restore fish and wildlife habitat.

To be part of the spring tree planting season, place orders for tree seedlings by March 15, 2013. Seedlings must be ordered in minimum quantities of 100. For information about the available programs visit ***www.LSRCA.on.ca*** or call Paul Cottenden, Forest Technician, at 905-895-1281, ext. 245 - toll free at 1-800-465-0437.

Toyota Earth Day Scholarships

Earth Day Canada is looking for nominees for the 2013 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship program.

Earth Day Canada, with financial support from the Toyota Canada Foundation, recognizes high school students who have demonstrated environmental leadership, by responding to local, national or global issues. Twenty Graduating High School and Cégèp students entering their first year of post-secondary education will receive $5000 scholarships for environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence. One exceptional student, chosen from the 20 winners, will also be presented with the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship National Award, and a Panasonic Notebook computer.

For more information, see ***earthday.ca/scholarship*** Deadline for applications is February 15, 2013.

Help Keep Your Teen Safe!

Parents of Teens are invited to a free presentation to help them guide their kids to prevent injuries by making smart, safe choices. At Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket on February 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For details or to register for the free seminar see ***www.southlakeregional.org*** and click on Southlake Events - No Regrets Live for Parents.

Brereton Naturalists

The Brereton Field Naturalists host a talk by Alex Mills, on using geolocators to track the movements of Whippoorwills. Friday, Feb. 15 at the North West Barrie United Church, 7:30 p.m. $5 admission for non-members. See ***www.breretonfieldnaturalists.org***

For Nature Lovers

Kortright Centre for Conservation **Valentine's Dinner & Nature Walk** on Saturday, Feb. 16. Doors open 6:30 p.m., Candlelit Dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a twilight stroll, and hot chocolate served around the bonfire. $44.95 pp. RSVP to 416-667-6295.

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Managing Your Money

Last minute RRSP tune-up – there's still time to save

Know what March 1, 2013 is? Yep – it's the deadline for making your 2012 RRSP contribution.

But don't panic, you still have time to take advantage of some RRSP tune-up tips that will save money on your taxes this year and make your retirement more financially comfortable.

On your 2012 tax return, you may make a maximum RRSP contribution equal to 18 per cent of your 2011 earned income or $22,970, whichever is less, minus any pension adjustment for 2011 plus any and all unused contribution room carried forward from previous years. You'll find your personal allowable 2012 contribution on your most recent notice of assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency.

Now, let's get to those tax-deferring, income-building tips:

• **Make your maximum allowable contribution each taxation year** – it's the best strategy for immediate tax savings and maximum long-term potential RRSP growth.

• **Fill up unused contribution room as soon as you can** – you'll enjoy even more tax savings this year and increase potential RRSP growth over time.

• **Consider an RRSP loan** – this can be a smart strategy for maxing out your 2012 contribution and filling up past unused contribution room. The money you borrow generates an immediate tax break and adds to your tax-deferred RRSP growth potential. BUT – you must get a loan at a low interest rate and pay it back as quickly as possible, even by using your extra tax savings to help pay it off. You can get a special RRSP loan with a payback schedule tailored to your needs at most financial institutions.

• **Do the splits** -- if your spouse's income will be lower than yours over the next few years or in retirement, a spousal RRSP can generate a retirement income that is subject to less tax. You can contribute both to your RRSP and your spouse's. Your total contribution can't exceed your personal yearly contribution room but your spouse's limit is unaffected by your contribution and he/she can still make a contribution up to his/her yearly limit.

• **Start now to save next year** – now is the perfect time to start making regular RRSP contributions for 2013. You won't sweat coming up with a large last-minute lump sum contribution next February and you'll gat the value of dollar-cost averaging, an investment strategy that lets you take advantage of market fluctuations: when the market drops, your money will buy more fund units and when it's up, you'll buy fewer units but the average price paid over the long term in constantly rising markets will be lower. At the end of the year, you'll have maxed out your RRSP contribution, your tax deduction and the tax-sheltered growth in your RRSP.

There are other RRSP-building, tax-savings strategies you should look at. Your professional advisor can help with that – and with all your wealth-building strategies.

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BWG Business News!

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a **Town & Country Living Show** on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Booths are only $150 for BBT members, $250 for non-members. For more information on this première business opportunity, contact the Board at ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com*** or 905-778-8727. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

A **Bradford Board of Trade Lunch & Learn** will be held Wednesday, February 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre's multi-purpose room. Learn more about *Marketing Your Business on the Internet and Social Media*, and build a small business tool kit, with Judy Vye of *ShopBradford.ca* Cost is $10 for Board of Trade members, $15 for non-members - includes lunch. To RSVP, see ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com*** and click on Events.

A Bradford Board of Trade Business Before Hours Networking event takes place Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Sunset Grill, 487 Holland St. W., Bradford. Free - just pay for your breakfast. Complimentary coffee and tea. Register at ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com*** and click on Events.

Nottawasaga Futures is partnering with the CFFO, SCFA and Holland Marsh Growers Association to host another **AgKnowledge Forum**, at The Club at Bond Head on Thursday, February 21, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Panel discussions on Escalating Land & Commodity Pricing; and The Impact of MPAC on Farmland Values. Free, but seating is limited - please RSVP to ***andie@nottawasaga.com*** or call 1-800-509-7554.

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Participating employers include 7-Eleven Canada, AGTA Home Health Care, Dave King Fencing, Lumon North America Inc., The Club at Bond Head, TSC Stores, ThyssenKrupp, NT Temps and Turn Key Staffing Solutions - and job opportunities range from automotive assembly and manufacturing supervisors, to general labour, housekeeping, banquet staff and retail sales.

Drop in and learn more - bring your resume and your questions. For more information, contact Bradford WORKS at 905-778-9058, or see ***www.bradfordworks.ca***

Bradford's Pizza Pizza held a Customer Appreciation Day - and invited the Bradford Community Program to enjoy a free lunch, Dec. 7. The Bradford Community Program is offered by the Community Living Association for South Simcoe (CLASS), a non-profit organization that supports adults and youth with developmental disabilities. Pizza Pizza franchise owner Ali Saritas and Don Van Dyken, Pizza Pizza employee featured on an episode of Undercover Boss Canada in 2012, whose daughter attends the Program, organized pizza, drinks and gifts for 10, free of charge. Thank you from the participants!

PUTTIN' ON THE Ritz 2013 WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH AWARDS DINNER

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Nominations for the Bradford Board of Trade 2013 Business Awards are Now Open

Vote for your favorite Bradford business

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- ☐ Entrepreneur of the Year
- ☐ Home-Based Business Excellence Award
- ☐ Community Development (Business Leader) Award
- ☐ Environmental Leadership Award
- ☐ Best New Venture Award
- ☐ Customer Service Excellence Award
- ☐ Quality Award
- ☐ Bradford's Best Business Award
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Nomination Form

Nomination submitted by: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Business Nominated:

CEO/Owner: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address:

Describe why this Business/Individual should recieve this award: *(Refer to the applicable award and specify how the business meets the criteria. Attach second page if necessary)*

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Note: More than one business can be submitted per category. Bradford Board of Trade Award Winners are determined by a 3rd party panel of judges, and are evaluated on the applicant's answers to the questions on their nomination acceptance form. Number of nominations has no impact on the judging process. Nomination form will also be available for download on the website. For a complete description of the award criteria visit www.bradfordboardoftrade.com. Check the categories, fill out the form and mail or drop it in to the BBT Office: 61 Holland Street East 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1713, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2B9

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HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Form completion and document help, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. THE BRADFORD COMMUNITY MEAL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING COOKS. CONTACT JOHANNE WILSON, 905-778-1841.

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905-775-3731
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www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
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11:15 a.m.
Rev Adrian Toms

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

905-775-2512

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bredford 905-775-2065
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Sundey Services 9em & 10:30em
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trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
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721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
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Liturgy Sunday & Feast Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
6:30 pm - Evening Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study
Kids Club Mon. 6.30pm Community Centre

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
16 Heam St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
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info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th Sdrd
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9 em - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Toddler-Grade 8)
Mid-Week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
905-775-5700
www.bbcweb.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
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Rev. Richard Bodini
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THURS., FEB. 14

HEALTHY AGING AND STROKE PREVENITION WORKSHOP: Free Workshop presented by CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) and the Central East Stroke Network, 10-11 a.m. at CHATS MediChair, 448 Holland St. West. Free, but please register at 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6211

WINTER CARNIVAL AND ANNIVERSARY: Holland Marsh District Christian School, 18955 Duffern St. in Ansnorveldt, Holland Marsh, hosts a Winter Carnival and 70th Birthday celebration.

FRI., FEB. 15

LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Books, stories and surprises from the Bradford Public Library, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 10:30 a.m. Drop in program for pre-schoolers.

SAT., FEB. 16

BARRIE-ALLANDALE MODEL TRAIN SHOW: Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Hwy. 90 and 27 in Barrie. Layouts, enthusiasts, vendors, model trains, food and souvenirs. Admission is $6 adults, $4 Srs. and students, free for kids under 6.

FESTA DO CARNAVAL: Carnaval Dinner & Dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Roast Beef Dinner, dancing to Karma Band, prizes for the Best Costumes. Tickets are $25 adults, $12 for kids 12 and under for members, $30 and $15 non-members. Call 905-775-4291, 905-836-3213 or 905-778-0363.

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MON., FEB. 18

FAMILY DAY IN BWG: The BWG Leisure Centre in Bradford will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Family Day. Activities include all-day open Gym; free skating in both rinks from 9:40 to 11:20 a.m. sponsored by RBC Financial; and swimming - lane swim and Parent & Tot Swim from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Leisure Swim from 1:15 to 4 p.m., at regular admission rates. All welcome.

FAMILY DAY AT THE ELMAN CAMPBELL MUSEUM: The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, holds a Family Day Toyland. Kids can try out old-fashioned wooden toys, enjoy activities, dress up and go on a museum scavenger huntm 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For ages 4 to 10. Cost is $3 per participant, with a donation of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry. For information call 905-953-5314 or email elmanmuseum@rogers.com

FAMILY FUN DAY AT SCANLON CREEK: Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 2450 Line 9 BWG hosts Family Fun Day, 1-4 p.m. Kick-sledding and Guided Nature Hikes at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m., plus scavenger hunt, indoor craft area, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Entrance fee of $10 per vehicle - free for those with a Scanlon Creek Annual Day-Use Pass. For info, contact Brenda Winter, 905-895-1281 ext. 263 or b.winter@lsrca.on.ca

TUES., FEB. 19

BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY WRITERS' CIRCLE MEETS: At the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your own beverage! Theme: "Resolution: Just Write!"

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP: For family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia, at CHATS MediChair, 448 Holland St. West at 10 a.m. Share information and coping strategies, challenges and successes, in a safe place. For more info call 705-722-1066.

WEDS., FEB. 20

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren, meets 1-3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Childcare provided for kids ages 0-6.

THURS., FEB. 21

READING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: Father Dan Graves will lead the reading at Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, at 7:30 p.m. , including background, a talk, and discussion to follow. Study notes will be posted online for those interested but unable to attend. For information, or to sign up, call 905-775-2200 - free.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE FROM INJURY: A presentation at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Help guide your teens to make smart, safe choices, and avoid injury. For details and to register for the free presentation, see www.southlakeregional.org and clic on Southlake Events - No Regrets Live for Parents.

MIMPA recitals

Music In Motion Performing Arts studio presents Recitals on the theme, "A Heart to Change the World", February 23 and 24, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. each day. Recitals are free and open to the Public, at MIMPA's studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway in Bradford. For details, call 905-778-0440.

Neil Young tribute

The Bradford Legion is hosting a Neil Diamond Tribute Show, featuring Joey Purpura, on Saturday, February 23rd at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this outstanding show - a must-see for all Diamond fans. Tickets are $20 in advance, at the Legion, 115 Back St., 905-775-5025, or $25 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the Bradford Legion. See ***www.solitaryman.ca***

Family Fun on Family Day, Feb. 18

The Town of BWG is hosting Family Day Activities on Monday, February 18, at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford.

The Centre will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a number of family-friendly activities, including:

. RBC Financial's **free Leisure Skate** at both rinks, 9:40 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

. **Lions Aquatic Centre** will be open for lane swimming and Parent & Tot swim from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon leisure swimming from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Regular admission rates apply.

. The **gym** will be open for fun and activities, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scanlon Creek Family Fun Day will be a great afternoon in Nature, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include kick-sledding, guided nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, indoor children's craft area, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Guided hikes and kick-sledding outings take place at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. Meet in the Nature Centre Parking lot.

Note: to support the park, there will be an entrance fee of $10 per vehicle - but no charge for those who have a Scanlon Creek Annual Day-Use Pass. For more information contact Brenda Winter at 905-895-1281 ext. 263 or email ***b.winter@lsrca.on.ca*** Scanlon Creek is located at 2450 - Line 9 BWG.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, hosts **Toyland at the Museum** on Family Day, Feb. 18. Try old-fashioned wooden toys, dress up, see the model train and Fairy Tale displays, and go on a Museum Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For kids ages 4 to 10, $3 per participant with a donation of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry. For details, call 905-953-5314 or email ***elmanmuseum@rogers.com***

The **Simcoe County Museum** hosts its 4th annual Family Day snowshoeing and tobogganing extravaganza, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enter the Really Big Shoe Snowshoe & Orientation Race at 10 a.m., to win prizes - warm up with a bowl of chili or a hot dog in the Games room - check out the new Top Secret: Mission Toy exhibit on loan from the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Do you have the oldest toboggan? The biggest? The strangest? Enter the Sliding through the Ages toboggan Contest - register by 1:15 p.m. for racing at 1:30 p.m.

Regular admission rates apply - Adults $6, Srs. & Students $5, Kids $4. See ***museum.simcoe.ca*** or call 705-728-3721.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8th Line of Essa Twp., is hosting Family Day events from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $5 admission, for kick-sledding, snowshoeing, Geocaching, skating on the pond (bring your skates and helmets), roasting marshmallows, and more.

Waste Management Information

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Sports

Rattlers vs. South Muskoka Shield. Photo by Richard Coburn, Coburn Photography

Rattlers in the record books

The Bradford Rattlers Jr. "A" Team are making history in their GMHL league. Going into their Wednesday game vs. the Bradford Bulls, they had a 39 & 0 perfect record, in regular season play.

Already in top spot in the GMHL, and with only a handful of games remaining in the 42 game season before the playoffs begin, the Rattlers hope to make it into the record books as the first undefeated GMHL team. See ***gmhl.net*** for details - and cheer on the Rattlers!

Rock 'n Roll Funspiel at the BCC

The 4th annual Spinal Cord Injury Ontario Rock 'n Roll Fun Spiel, sponsored by BFI Canada, takes place at the Bradford Curling Club this Saturday, February 16 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. - a fundraiser for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, and an awareness-raiser of the challenges that face those living with spinal cord injuries.

The Fun Spiel is open to curlers of all abilities and skill levels. Cost to sign up is only $55 per person, or $220 for a team of 4. Participants are also encouraged to raise additional pledges for the cause. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and for the team that raises the most in pledges!

Fee includes lunch, games, curling clinic, curling, prizes, Silent Auction, massages and more.

The public is welcome to attend to watch the games, buy lunch and bid on the Silent Auction!

To register or for more information, contact Jennifer Berry, 705-726-4546 ext. 224 or 1-800-870-5670 or ***jennifer.berry@sciontario.org*** - or Cindy Kemp, 905-775-3564 or ***cindykemp@sympatico.ca*** Please advice if equipment is needed. The Club is located at 125 Simcoe Rd.

Among those expedted at the Spiel are Ken Gregory and his Provincial Championship wheelchair curling team, which curls out of the Bradford Club.

Also coming up at the Club:

- Feb. 23 - Mixed Open Bonspiel
- March 8 - Village Inn Men's Bonspiel

Team Frans Finalists

Joe Frans and his team, which curls out of the Bradford Curling Club, made it to the Finals of the Dominion Tankard, played at the Barrie Molson Centre, February 4 to 10.

The team of Frans, Ryan Werenich, Jeff Gorda and Shawn Kaufman faced the defending champions, the rink of Glenn Howard, in the Final - and gave Howard a battle.

Team Howard won the title, 7-5.

BDHS wins Regionals

The Bradford District High School Boys curling team - skip Ian Fudge, Matt Kemp, Connor Fudge and Jordan Kight - won the Gore Schoolboy Regionals, held at the Bradford Curling Club last weekend. The team coached by Peter Fudge and BDHS teacher Peter Sorenson, advanced to the Provincials in Haliburton this week, playing Ontario's top High School teams.

Maple Leaf Skate

Skate with the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni, at the 35th Annual Toronto Maple Leafs Skate for Easter Seals Kids, on Sunday, February 24 at the Air Canada Centre, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be autograph signings by the likes of Wendel Clark and Darryl Sittler, and the opportunity to skate beside other former Leafs. A complimentary lunch will be provided at the end of each skating session, courtesy of Mr. Sub. Skaters are asked to raise a minimum of $150 in pledges; all skaters who raise more than $175 in pledges will qualify for prizes that include Leafs memorabilia.

Register online at ***www.EasterSealsSkate.org*** and choose a skating session. Spectator tickets are available for only $30 each, for entrance into the ACC, lunch, and off-ice activities.

Bradford Sno-Pitch

The Bradford Mixed Sno-Pitch Tournament takes place Saturday, March 2. Cost is $240 per team - each team must include at least 3 ladies. A safety ball will be used. Prizes for the Division winners! For more information or to register a team, contact Paul at 289-338-2613 or Terry at 647-226-7042.

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Peace Poster winner at SWOPS

A Grade 8 Student at Sir William Osler Public School in Bond Head received recognition for her artwork, and took a first step towards international recognition.

Morgan Janse won the Bond Head & District Lions Club's Peace Poster contest, with her colorful portrayal of the contest theme, "Imagine Peace."

Bond Head Lions Peace Poster Chair Anne Evans was impressed by the expression and creativity of Sir William Osler students."It's obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.

"We'd like to thank Nicci Barr, Grade 7-8 teacher, for the encouragement she gave to her students... and Principal Rick Brown for his support."

Janse and four other students were honoured at the school on November 9 of last year.

In all, 375,000 entries were submitted worldwide in the 25th Lions International Peace Poster Contest, designed to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. Winners at the local level can advance to the district, multiple district and international rounds of competition. A grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners were selected; Grand Prize is $5,000US, and a trip for the winner and two family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day at the United Nations.

Janse's poster advanced to the District Level, where it placed 2nd. She received certificates, acknowledging her achievement, and cash prizes - $100 from the local Lions, and $150 from District - presented at a school assembly on January 31.

To view the International Grand Prize winner and the Merit winners, see ***www.lionsclubs.org***

Submitted photo: from right, Principal Rick Brown, artist Morgan and her poster, and teacher Nicci Barr.

Bingo Bowling for 1st Bradford Scouts

First Bradford Scouting is raising funds to send as many scouts as possible to the Canadian Jamboree at Sylvan Lake in Alberta this July. The Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with 5,000 Scouts and leaders from across Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

The Scouts are organizing a fun-filled evening of **Bingo Bowling**, February 23 at Bradford Bowl - adults only! Cost is $20 per person, for an evening of Bowling, Door Prizes, Pizza and snacks, a raffle, Silent Auction, and prizes for the winning teams. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., and bowling and fun will continue until 11:30 p.m.

Sign up at Bradford Bowl, at the counter - tickets can be paid for on the evening of the event. For more information, call Lloyd at 905-778-0809 or email ***sls.oldwolf@gmail.com*** Bowlers of all skill levels are welcome. Be part of a team!

Tim Hortons Camp for Youth

Do you know or have any 13 to 18 year olds who could use a weekend getaway?

Tim Hortons has once again partnered with CrossTrainers Canada and The Hub Youth Centre of Bradford to offer a winter camp experience, Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3.

This is an opportunity for youth who rarely get a chance to go to camp, and will feature team-building activities, fun skits, and all-round good times.

The Hub has 50 spots available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is only $5.

If interested, contact Jenna for permission and application forms, at ***hub@ctministries.ca***

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Births

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DeCARLO

Nixon Peter James William DeCarlo arrived Friday, January 11, 2013 at 6:01 p.m.at Peterborough Regional Health Cantre waighing 7 lb 12 oz and 20" long. He already has his proud perents Liz and Dallas DeCarlo, happy Grandparents Jim & Barb Crawford, Kathy DeCarlo and Bill Shearer as well as thrilled Great Grandparents Don and Esther McGugan wrapped around his little finger. Aunts Laura, Sarah and Angela as well as Uncles Rick, Shana and Brian ara aagar to spoil him. Cousins Reiden, Talon and Brady cen't wait until he is old enough to get into trouble with them.
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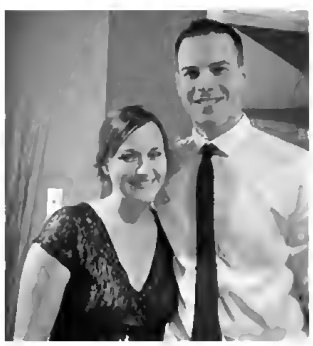

CRAWFORD

Jim and Barb Crawford are happy to announce the December 22, 2012 wedding of their son Brian to Angela daughter of Mary Perry-White and the late Dan White. We wish you happiness, health and love as you start your life together.

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Deaths

BREEDON, Irene - Peacefully passed away at Good Samaritan Seniors Complex, Alliston on Tuesday February 5, 2013. Irene Breedon (nee Harrison) of Bradford at 94 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Charles Breedon. Dear mother of Nancy (Malcolm) MacNeil. Proud grandmother of Carrie (Duncan), Deanna (Steve) and Megan. Dear great grandmother of Kaylie, Rachel and Lana. Dear sister of Josephine and predeceased by John, Leo, Jim, and Mary. Irene will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Irene grew up in Newton Robinson, ran the service station at Fennells Corners and spent many years working at the 5 to $1 store in Bradford where she was well known. Cremation has taken place. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for memorial visitation on Friday, February 8, 2013 from 10 a.m. until the time of a memorial service in the Chapel 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated.

12727183

Deaths

FARIA, John - Peacefully passed away, with family at his side at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. John Faria of Bradford at 58 years of age. Beloved father of Danny (Lucia), Kevin (Kristen) and Amanda (Jeff). Proud grandfather of Benjamin John Faria. Dear companion of Kerry Hodgson. Dear brother of Fernanda Rodrigues, Grace Almeida, Beatrice Clendinning, Joe, Carlos and predeceased by Fatima. John will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for a visitation. Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, Bradford on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Cemetery, Bradford.

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ZIELKE, Lynda - Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Lynda Zielke (nee Hughes) of Gilford at 67 years of age. Beloved wife of Ron Zielke. Loving mother of Tracey and Dan. Proud nana of Alyssa, Denishe and Jessine. Sadly missed by her dog Sparky. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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In memoriam

ROBSON, Budd -
May 1, 1935 — February 10, 2012

We miss your smile,
your joking ways,
We miss the things,
you used to say.
And when old times
we do recall,
It's when we miss you
most of all.

Love Helen, Bruce, Janet, Charlie, Kayla and Allyson.

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Clockwise from top: **The start of Hockey Day in BWG, February 9 in Bond Head; horse-drawn wagon ride kicks up the snow in Bud Brown Memorial Park; Young player takes a break for breakfast; Tyke and Pre-Tyke Hockey on an outdoor rink!**

WinterFest in Innisfil

The 2nd annual Freezin' for a Reason polar bear dip in Lake Simcoe will take place Saturday, February 23 at Innisfil Beach Park. In 2012, 20 brave dippers raised nearly $12,000 for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and other causes. Individuals are asked to raise a minimum of $200 (or $600 for a team of 4), to participate in the dip. Visit ***www.LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca*** for more information or to register for the fun event, and to raise money for environmental programs and projects. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraising individual and team, as well as wackiest costumes. Polar Bears will hit the water around 1:30 p.m.

Or participate as part of the Innisfil Community Events Corporation (ICE Corp.) team. Visit ***www.icecorp.org*** to download entry forms, waivers and pledge forms. Minimum required is $25 in pledges.

Winterfest takes place at Innisfil Beach Park from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 23rd, and will include both a Sno-Pitch Tourney and the 9th annual Fishing for Tyler ice fishing derby - a fundraiser for Innisfil teen Tyler French, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funds raised will help pay for therapy for Tyler. Minimum donation is $10; there will also be a fundraising BBQ - and plenty of great prizes. Registration starts at 7 a.m., weigh-in ends at 1 p.m. As in previous years, if the ice is unsafe, anglers can fish from shore. For more information, to sign up, or donate, contact ***fourfries@bell.net***

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